

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-14, and 16-19 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended, and claim 15 has been cancelled.

Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 10-12, and 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kenyon et al. (US 6,604,113), hereafter “Kenyon,” in view of Tsuda et al. (US 6,629,090), hereafter “Tsuda.” Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kenyon in view of Lobley et al. (US 5,758,026), hereafter “Lobley.” These rejections are defective because the cited references, taken alone or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Regarding independent claim 1 (and similarly independent claims 10 and 16), the references of Kenyon, Tsuda, and Lobley, taken alone or in any combination, fail to disclose, among other features, the display of a **Focus+Context** information visualization model having a plurality of nodes, wherein at least one node in the information visualization model is configured to perform a calculation based on values displayed by other nodes in the information visualization model, **wherein a first calculation is performed when a node is in focus, and wherein a second calculation is performed when the same node is not in focus.** That is, the same node will perform a different calculation (and display a result of the different calculation), depending on whether or not that node is in focus in the Focus+Context information

visualization model.

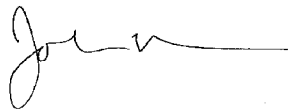
The Examiner admits that Kenyon fails to disclose these features (Office Action, page 3, section 1). In order to overcome this glaring deficiency of Kenyon, the Examiner relies on the teachings of Tsuda and Lobley. However, both Tsuda and Lobley fail to disclose that a node can perform a different calculation (and display a result of the different calculation), depending on whether or not that node is in focus.

With respect to dependent claims, Applicants herein incorporate the arguments presented above with respect to independent claims from which the claims depend. Furthermore, Applicants submit that all dependent claims are allowable based on their own distinct features. Since the cited art does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Accordingly, since the cited references, taken alone or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 103(a), Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-14, and 16-19 are allowable.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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